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1. THE TWO MAJOR FEATURES OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE SADDAM HUSSEIN VISIT WERE THE OIL AGREEMENT (REF C) AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE AGREE WITH THE ANALYSIS IN REF B. THAT THE COMMUNIQUE SIGNIFIES GREATER IRAQI INTEREST IN AFFAIRS TO ITS SOUTH AND EAST, AND IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT IRAQ IS PLANNING ON IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS OVER A LONGER TERM THAN HAD BEEN THE CASE PREVIOUSLY.

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IRAQ'S WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT THE DLEIVERY OF SOME OF

THE CRUDE OIL PROMISED LAST YEAR "IN PRINCIPLE" INDICATES TO US BOTH THAT IRAQ IS SERIOUS ABOUT STRENGTHENING ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND THAT IT VALUES THE COMMODITIES AND SERVICES WHICH INDIA HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY.

2. THE PAKISTANI ANALYSIS CONTAINED IN REF A REFLECTS PREVIOUS PAK BELIEF THAT INDIA AND IRAQ ARE BEING PUSHED TOGETHER BY THE SOVIETS. INDIA NEEDS IRAQI OIL, AND WE AGREE WITH USINT BAGHDAD THAT IRAQ FINDS IT USEFUL TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF THE GULF AREA. THE ONLY FIELD IN WHICH WE KNOW THE SOVIETS HAVE PUSHED INDIA TOWARD IRAQ IS THE USE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT TO SEARCH FOR OIL IN INDIA'S EXPLORATION ZONE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST ASIA DIVISION OF MEA HERE ECHOED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THE COMMENT OF INDIAN CHARGE IN BAGHDAD THAT INDIANS DID NOT SEE ANY SOVIET PRESSURE BEHIND IRAQ'S ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND THOUGHT IRAQ HAD SIMPLY UTILIZED AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN GOODS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FROM INDIA AT A PRICE WHICH WAS ATTRACTIVE IN RELATION TO OTHER SOURCES.

3. COMMENT: INDIANS THUS FAR APPEAR TO BE SUCCESSFULLY PLAYING BOTH THE IRANIAN AND IRAQI SIDES OF THE STREET IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET PETROLEUM ON FAVORABLE TERMS. THERE ARE A LOT OF UNBOTTLED "EYES" AND "TEES" IN THE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES BUT, ON BALANCE, THE INDIANS HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PLEASED WITH THEIR DIPLOMACY THUS FAR.
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